LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE HINDU WIDOW'S REMARRIAGE BILL.

SRIMATI T. NARAYANI AMMA (*Nominated*) : Sir, I rise to move for leave to introduce the Travancore Hindu Widow's Remarriage Bill.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : I second it.

The question that leave be granted was put to the vote of the House and leave was granted.

THE TRAVANCORE KAMMALA BILL.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : Sir, I move for leave to introduce the Travancore Kammala Bill.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*) : I second it.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Sir, I object to leave being granted for the introduction of the Travancore Kammala Bill. In doing so, I wish to make a statement, Sir. This is a piece of social legislation and when leave is asked for permission to introduce it, it is incumbent on the—

PRESIDENT : Are you now going to discuss the merits of the Bill?

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : No, Sir. I only want to make a statement while objecting to leave being granted to introduce this measure.

PRESIDENT : Then, you need only say that you object to leave being granted. The mover will now have the chance of saying what he has got to say for the necessity for such a measure.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : Sir, the Kammalas are nominal *makkathayees*, but the Mitakshara law is not applicable to them. They are governed by custom which varies in different places. They are divided into 11 sections of which ten are Malayala Kammalas. Only one section consisting of 13,000 persons are Tamil Kammalas. The habit and custom of the Malayala Kammalas differ from those of the Tamil Kammalas, in respect of succession, inheritance, divorce and other things. There is no intermarriage and interdining between the Malayala and the Tamil Kammalas. Among the Malayala Kammalas, there is divorce and there is remarriage, while among the Tamil Kammalas there is no divorce and there is no remarriage. Again, Sir, on account of the absence of a codified law to govern their inheritance and marriage, the Malayala Kammalas do not obtain justice in the Judicial Courts of the Country. Succession is quite uncertain and the right of inheritance is claimed both by the female line and the male line. Some follow a mixed system.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*) : Is the member willing to leave the Tamil Kammala community alone?

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : I have explained in the Statement of Objects and Reasons that it is not intended to affect the Tamil Kammalas.

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